Industrial House

419. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the assets, turnover and profits of the twenty top industrial houses during 1995-96 and upto June, 1996,

(b) whether any of these industrial houses have sent proposals to set up industry in backward areas of Orissa; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Consequent upon the omission of Section 26 of the MRTP Act, 1969 by the MRTP (Amendment) Act, 1991 with effect from 27.9.1991, Large Industrial Houses are no longer required to be registered with the Government of India and therefore, information relating to assets, turnover and profits of the twenty top industrial houses are not maintained.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Voting Rights to Migrant Kashmiries

420. SHRI PINAKI MISRA
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state

(a) whether arrangements were made for ensuring due exercise of voting rights to the persons displaced from the terrorist affected areas of Jammu and Kashmir during the recent polls to the eleventh Lok Sabha,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the success achieved in this regard indicating the percentage of such voters who polled their votes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D KHALAP) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Migrant voters enrolled in any of the parliamentary constituencies of 1-Baramulla, 2-Srinagar and 3-Anantnag and who were residing outside their place of ordinary residence were permitted to vote by postal ballot during the recent polls to the eleventh Lok Sabha. The procedure for voting by the migrant voters was as laid down in Part IIIA of the Conduct of Elections Rules 1961. Wide publicity was given to the scheme by the Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu & Kashmir and the Election Commission of India who also arranged with the Department of Posts and Telegraph for the prompt clearance and speedy delivery of the postal ballot papers to the respective Returning officers.

(c) According to the information made available by the Election Commission of India, approximately 36%, 30% and 29% migrant electors voted in Baramulla, Srinagar and Anantnag constituencies respectively.

FERA Violation by Leading Satellite T.V. Companies

421. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the leading satellite TV companies in India are transacting crores of rupees in foreign exchange through clandestine operations in violation of FERA regulations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to check this practice?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). The Enforcement Directorate has undertaken necessary investigations under the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) against various such companies. Enquiries against one of the compaies have revealed prima facie violation of FERA to the tune of US $ 6,80,000/-.

(c) A strict vigil is kept by the Directorate to check mal-practices and action as envisaged under the law is taken against the offenders.

Lawyers Strike

422. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of times the lawyers in Delhi courts went on strike during the last three years along with the period for which each of the strike lasted;

(b) the main issues involved in the frequent strikes, and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to solve the hardships of litigants besides long delays in the process of justice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D KHALAP) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

St. Kitts Forgery Case

423. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government had undertaken an inquiry into St. Kitts forgery case,